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From: Donald Griego, Chair of SWCG

To: All Southwest Fire Personnel

Topic/Issue: Southwest Fire Science Consortium

Some of you may be aware of the formation of the Southwest Fire Science Consortium effort being led by Northern Arizona University and funded by the Joint Fire Science Program (JFSP). This Consortium is currently being designed and your input is needed.

The Consortium will be a way for managers, scientists, and policy makers to interact and share science in ways that can effectively move new information to practitioners in the field in a timely manner. The goal is to bring better ways to disseminate current research to you, the fire manager. We have all been frustrated by not knowing what current research is out there or even worse, you know it's out there but can't find it.

The SW Fire Consortium has hired a coordinator, Nancy Neskauskas, who will be attempting to contact fire managers in the next few months for direct input. There will be a series of webinars (next one November 18, 2009) and a series of meetings in January 2010 to finalize a 2 year funding proposal to JFSP.

Please visit <http://www.forestguild.org/SWconsortium.html> to learn more about the Consortium, receive updates, and to sign up to participate in an upcoming webinar where you can provide your input on the wants and needs of fire managers in the field.

This is a way to determine how information and research are distributed to you in the next decade. It is in all of our best interests to participate in this endeavor.

/s/ Donald J. Griego

Chair, Southwest Coordinating Group

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